

B. Catherine Becker

B. Catherine Becker, 82, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Frackville, died Dec. 13 at home.

Born in Bronx, N.Y., March 4, 1925, she was a daughter of the late Edwin and Catherine Massey.

She was a graduate of Hamburg High School.

She was employed as a Frackville correspondent for the Shenandoah Evening Herald during the '50s and '60s. Later, she was the librarian for the Frackville Library. She also worked for the Frackville borough as a clerk in the sewer office, as well as several retail stores at the Schuylkill Mall, Frackville.

Catherine was a former member of St. Joseph Church, Frackville. She belonged to various women's clubs in the Frackville area. She relocated to Florida in 1985 upon her retirement.

She was a member of Mary Queen of Martyrs Church, Sarasota, Fla. There, she participated in the church choir and volunteered her time in various church functions and the church-sponsored soup kitchen. She was an active member in The Friends of the Library Group for the South Manatee Library, serving a term as president. She was also an active member of the Bradenton Garden Club.

She was preceded in death, in addition to her parents, by her husband of 59 years, Peter L. Becker; two sisters, Fannie Samo and Ann Rothenberger; a brother, Thomas Massey. Surviving are three children, David, husband of Nancy, Bloomsburg, Jane, with whom she resided in Bradenton, Fla., and Marianne, wife of Martin Cuff, Shenandoah Heights; two grandchildren, Gretchen and Jonathan Becker.

Funeral Mass was held Dec. 19, 2007, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, Sarasota, Fla. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Church, Frackville. Interment will be in St. Joseph Church Cemetery following Mass.

James R. Becker

January 20, 2013

James R. Becker, 83, former Frackville resident, passed away at Rest Haven, Schuylkill Haven, surrounded by his loving family on Sunday.

Born in Frackville, he was a son of the late John J. and Mary Weber Becker.

Jim owned Schuylkill Distributors for more than 40 years, which is now operated by his son, Charles. In his earlier years, Jim enjoyed boating, playing golf and card games. Due to his illness, he recalled "working on the truck" many times and always needed to go to the next customer.

Jim was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Frackville, the Knights of Columbus, Auburn Boat Club and various fire departments.

Jim and Jean retired to Hawthorne at Leesburg, Florida, and enjoyed the Florida sunshine for many years.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, James.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jean; three sons, James and his wife, Mary Ann, Samuel and his wife, Denise, and Charles and his wife, Beth; four grandsons, Jason, Matthew, Samuel and Gregory; a great-granddaughter, Amaya; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions can be made in Jim's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., Seventh floor, New York, NY 10001.

Private funeral service and interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

Peter L. Becker

Religion: Roman Catholic

Church Affiliation: Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Marital Status: Married

Age: 85

Date of Birth: September 12, 1919, Frackville, PA

Date of Death: February 7, 2005, Bradenton, FL

Place of Funeral: St. Joseph's Church, Frackville, PA

Place of Interment: St. Joseph Cemetery, Frackville, PA

Clergy: Rev. David Karns

Survivors: Wife-Catherine; Son-David; Daughter-Jane
Becker, Marianne Cuff